

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Sherman Gee.

Information: Bureau staff obtained additional information regarding Applicant's role in the "international consortium" that he mentioned in the first two essay answers he provided on his supplemental application. According to a speakers' brochure for a March 2007 conference, Applicant was the Chairman of the Steering Committee of INSC (Interoperable Networks for Secure Communications), a multinational consortium involving eight nations and NATO "to achieve coalition interoperability in network-centric operations employing modern IP networks." He has for many years served as the lead United States representative in international collaborations with NATO and a number of European nations to demonstrate the feasibility of sharing communication resources in tactical networks. According to Applicant, the eight nations involved in the consortium were familiar with his work and nominated him to the position.

Staff research discovered that Applicant has authored published materials related to technology and technological innovation. For example, the abstract for one paper states that it "examines the multinational innovation process and how it can become the driving force for cross-border technology transfers and co-operative research and development."

Staff also found two stories written by Applicant that were posted on a website entitled "We are California." "We are California" is a website devoted to the history of California immigration and migration, where Californians may tell their own stories about immigration and migration to California. The website is a project of the California Council for the Humanities, which is an independent, nonprofit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Applicant's two stories relate to Chinese immigration to California from the 1850's until World War I.

Applicant reported making contributions to three organizations that may be considered less recognizable. Chinese for Christ Church of Hayward is described on its website as a non-denominational, evangelical Christian church. Ambassadors for Christ, in Paradise, Pennsylvania, is described on its website as having as its mission using every available resource

to mobilize Chinese believers to be a vital force for God's kingdom. The Norfolk Foundation of Norfolk, Virginia was a philanthropic organization aimed at improving life for residents of the Norfolk, Virginia area through collecting donations and using the funds to award scholarships and grants to the needy. On January 1, 2010, it merged into the Hampton Roads Foundation.

Bureau staff contacted Edwin Cheung, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Mr. Cheung confirmed he wrote the letter, adding that that he has known Applicant since childhood and Applicant has had an extensive career of dealing with people. Mr. Cheung praised Applicant's analytical skills and stated that he has observed Applicant dissect information and apply logic to reach conclusions in a non-professional setting.

Recommendation: None.

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